

(a) whether the Government constituted any committee regarding composition of institutions of traditional education during 1991;

(b) if so, whether the said committee have submitted any outlines in this regard; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Review of Rewriting of History

5364. SHRI B.N. REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to review its decision on "state-sponsorship" of history in the light of reaction from four (historians) members to serve on the Committee headed by Dr. S. Gopal; and

(b) if so, the alternative plans for preparing school history text-books?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b). The National Advisory Committee set up to prepare the curriculum on the history of post-independent India for school and college levels, is free to determine its own procedure and methodology of work. The Government has no proposal to review the work of the Committee.

Grants to Colleges and Schools

5365. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes for providing grants to colleges and schools for playgrounds and buildings separately; and

(b) the criteria adopted for giving the above grants?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b). According to information furnished by UGC, under the Scheme of Grants for Games and Sports in Universities and Colleges under the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports, financial assistance is provided to eligible Colleges for development of play fields. Assistance is subject to the cost of each Project being shared in the ratio of 75:25 between Government/UGC and concerned College. The ceiling of assistance varies between Rs. 22,000/- to Rs. 1.24 lakhs depending on the type of play-field proposed to be developed. Schools can avail of assistance for development of play fields to the extent of 50% to 100% of approved expenditure depending on location of the school subject to ceiling ranging from Rs. 50,000/- to Rs. 1,00,000/-. In addition assistance is also given to rural schools for development of playfields provided the school has a play ground, a qualified physical education teacher and the prescribed minimum enrolment of students.

UGC provides development grants for a Plan period to eligible Colleges for construction of buildings, depending upon students enrolment and level of education.

[English]

Museum at Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh

5366. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received representation for sanction of Science Centre/Museum at Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh,

(b) if so the details thereof, and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) (a) and (b) The National Council of Science Museums Calcutta, an autonomous organisation under the Department of Culture, has received a proposal for setting up of a Science Centre in Vijayawada from Andhra Pradesh Council of Science and Technology, an Andhra Pradesh Government Institution

(c) In terms of the extant policy of the National Council of Science Museums, the Science Centre in question could be set up provided the Government of Andhra Pradesh make available a developed site and agree to share the cost of construction. The State Government of Andhra Pradesh have since agreed to these conditions of the Council

Preservation of Orchids

5367 SHRIMATI DIL KUMARI BHAN DARI Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state

(a) whether certain species of orchids in India are facing extinction

(b) if so the details thereof

(c) the steps being taken to preserve them

(d) whether the Government propose to set up a gene sanctuary in Shimla for preservation of such endangered orchids and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMAR MANGALAM) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) A list of orchid species in danger of extinction is given in attached Statement-I

(c) The information is given in attached Statement-II

(d) No Sir

(e) Does not arise

STATEMENT-I

- 1 *Anoectochilus nicobanicus*
- 2 *Anoectochilus rotundifolius*
- 3 *Anoectochilus tetrapteris*
- 4 *Aphullorchis gollani*
- 5 *Cerymborkis veratfolia*
- 6 *Cymbidium whiteae*
- 7 *Didickea cunninghamii*
- 8 *Flickingeria hesperis*
- 9 *Malleola andamanica*
- 10 *Paphiopedilum druryi*
- 11 *Paphiopedilum fairmairianum*
- 12 *Paphiopedilum wardii*
- 13 *Phalaenopsis speciosa*
- 14 *Renanthera lmschootiana*